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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 08/917,710; Filed: August 26, 1997
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Inventors: BEDNARIK *et al.*
Our Ref: 1488.0450001/EKS/GLL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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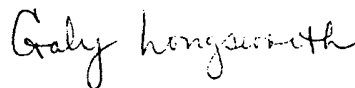
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Sir:

Three status inquiry letters were filed on September 3, 1999, March 20, 2000, and September 20, 2000. Please advise the undersigned of the present status of the above-identified patent application.

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